## **DISCLOSURE DIVISION**

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Ashley Wimberley, Director Disclosure Division

#### FILER INFORMATION

Name: John Richmond

Address: P. O. Box 1287, Natchitoches, LA 71458 Alt. Address: 916 Washington St., Natchitoches, LA 71457

Office/Position: Parish President / Natchitoches # of Disclosures/Amendments Filed with Agency: 3

Years Covered: 2018-2020

Final Report: No

#### REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 2 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2019

Report ID: PFD21001574 Original Due Date: 7/6/2020 NOD Received: 2/3/2021

NOD Signed by: Tiffany Clintwood

PFD/Answer Due Date based on NOD:2/12/2021

PFD/Answer Filed: 3/8/2021

#### LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$2400
Days late from receipt of NOD: 24
Total days late from initial due date: 245
Late Fee Order Received: 5/4/2021

Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 5/24/2021

Waiver Request Received: 5/11/2021

#### **COMMENTS:**

John Richmond stated he had never held office prior to being elected and misunderstood the PFD Annual filing requirements. He has since corrected his mistake; And asks the Ethics Board to waive, reduce, or suspend his fine.

This is Mr. Richmond'd first PFD late fee assessment.

#### OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

#### Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No
- Reassessed Late Fees: No

#### Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
  - Prior Late Fees: Yes \$200 Suspended (Docket

2020-386)

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John Richmond PO Box 1287 Natchitoches, LA 71458

May 11, 2021

Louisiana Board of Ethics PO Box 4368 Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Re:

Tier 2 Annual Financial Disclosure Statement for calendar year 2019

Parish President - Natchitoches

Late Fee Assessment - Report PFD21001574

To Whom It May Concern:

Referenced is made to letter no. 70200090000066035431 received from your office on May 1, 2021, notifying me of a late fee in the amount of \$2,400 associated with my late filing of my 2019 Tier 2 Annual Financial Disclosure Statement. Please accept this correspondence as my **Request for Waiver** of the above mentioned late fee.

Having never held an elected public office prior to my inauguration as Natchitoches Parish President in 2020, I misunderstood the requirement for the Tier 2 document to be filed for the previous year. My admittedly incorrect understanding was that my first Tier 2 disclosure document should be filed in 2021. This is indeed an embarrassing "rookle mistake". I have now filed Tier 2 documents for both 2019 and 2020.

Upon your review, it is my hope that you deem it appropriate to reduce, suspend, or waive the late fees associated with my late 2019 Tier 2 filing.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration in this matter, I shall remain,

Respectfully yours,

John Richmond

**Natchitoches Parish President** 

PO Box 1287 Natchitoches, LA 71458 225.229.6596



# Fax

To:	Louisiana Board	of Ethics	From:	John Richmond	
Fax:	(225) 381-7271		Pages:	2 (including cover page)	
Phone:			Date	May 11, 2021	
Re:	Letter No. 70200090000066035431 <b>cc:</b>				
☐ Urgent	For Review	☐ Please Comm	nent P	lease Reply	



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**CERTIFIED MAIL** 

NO. 70200640000017284344

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

January 26, 2021

John Richmond P.O. Box 1287 Natchitoches, LA 71458

**RE: NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY - FAILURE TO FILE** 

Statement covering 2019 (originally due on June 8, 2020) Parish President / Natchitoches

Dear John Richmond:

Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1124.4, if a person fails to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement as required by 42:1124, 1124.2, 1124.2.1, or 1124.3; omits information; or files inaccurately, a Notice of Delinquency shall be issued. A review of our records indicates that we have not received your Personal Financial Disclosure Statement.

You have 7 business days from the date of receipt of this Notice to file your Tier 2 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement covering 2019, which was originally due on June 8, 2020, or to submit an Answer explaining why you feel you are not required to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement. Failure to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement or an Answer within the 7 business days will subject you to an automatic late fee of \$100 per day up to a maximum of \$2,500. Proof of timely filing is determined by the U.S. Postal Service postmark; receipt from the U.S. Postal Service; or receipt from a commercial delivery service.

The form for the Tier 2 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement (Form 416a) is available on the Louisiana Board of Ethics website at www.ethics.la.gov. If you have any questions, you may contact me at 225/219-5600 or 800/842-6630.

Sincerely,

Lisa Ford

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Program Compliance Officer

#### SENDER: <u>COMPLE</u>TE-THIS SECT A. Signature ■ Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Agent ■ Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you. C. Date of Delivery ■ Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits. 1. Article Addressed to: If YES, enter delivery address below: John Richmond P.O. Box 1287 Natchitoches, LA 71458 ☐ Priority Mail Express®☐ Registered Mail™ 3. Service Type ☐ Adult Signature dult Signature Restricted Delivery ☐ Registered Mail Restricted Delivery Cortified Mail® Return Receipt for Merchandise Certified Mail Restricted Delivery 4344 ☐ Collect on Delivery ☐ Signature Confirmation™ ☐ Collect on Delivery Restricted Delivery Article Number (Transfer from service label) ☐ Signature Confirmation ☐ Insured Mail Restricted Delivery ્રાા Restricted Delivery 7020 0640 0000 Domestic Return Receipt PS Form 3811, July 2015 PSN 7530-02-000-9053